

**WHEREAS**, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

**WHEREAS**, civility, derived from the Latin words “civitas” meaning city and “civis” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

**WHEREAS**, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, call upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other and hereby proclaim the month of May as;

## **CIVILITY MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of April, 2005.

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**Tom Truex, Mayor**

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